

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Debby Barrett, on January 21, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Debby Barrett, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. Edward Walker (R)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary  
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 35, 1/11/2011; SB 86, 1/11/2011

**HEARING ON SB 35**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:32 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 35, Revise laws related to navigable river beds.

**EXHIBIT(nas16a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:25 Krista Lee Evans, lobbyist, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

**EXHIBIT(nas16a02)**

00:15:20 Chuck Willey, self

00:20:06 Walt Sales, self

00:26:57 Dan Freeman, self

00:28:23 Robert Hansen, President, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:29:13 Ronda Johnston, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:30:22 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association (MWRA)

00:31:47 John Youngberg, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)

00:33:50 Alan Wright, Lewis and Clark Conservative Tea Party

00:34:28 Jay Bodner, lobbyist, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)

00:36:21 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:36:48 Lorents Grosfield, self

00:37:32 Aeris Reilly, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:38:05 Leo Berry, lobbyist, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:39:39 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**EXHIBIT(nas16a03)**

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:53:25 Sen. Brenden

00:54:06 Mary Sexton, DNRC

00:54:53 Sen. Hinkle

00:55:15 Mary Sexton

00:55:48 Sen. Hinkle

00:56:01 Chuck Willey

00:57:53 Sen. Larsen

00:58:27 Chuck Willey

01:00:03 Sen. Kaufmann

01:00:40 Mary Sexton

01:03:47 Sen. Kaufmann

01:04:06 Sen. Hamlett

01:05:21 Sen. Keane  
01:05:34 Sen. Hamlett  
01:06:32 Sen. Barrett  
01:06:59 Mary Sexton  
01:08:21 Chuck Willey  
01:11:25 Sen. Keane  
01:11:45 Mary Sexton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:12:28 Sen. Hamlett

**HEARING ON SB 86**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:17:37 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 86, Disclosure of fracturing fluid for oil and gas wells.

**EXHIBIT(nas16a04)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:28:21 Cindy Webber, Northern Plains Resource Council

**EXHIBIT(nas16a05)**

01:32:47 Paul Hawks, self  
01:34:49 Sharon Sweeney Fee, self  
01:37:18 Kate French, chair, Sleeping Giant Citizens' Council  
01:38:56 Derf Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)  
01:41:27 Kerry Fee, Executive Director, Park County Environmental Council (PCEC)  
01:43:04 Julia Page, Bear Creek Council  
01:44:37 Charyn Ayoub, self  
01:47:34 Patrick Dougherty, Bear Creek Council  
01:48:51 Jennifer Goldman, Director of Public Health and Toxic Campaign, Earthworks' Oil & Gas Accountability Project

**EXHIBIT(nas16a06)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:50:48 Dave Galt, lobbyist, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

**EXHIBIT(nas16a07)**

01:57:04 Bruce Williams, lobbyist, Fidelity Exploration & Production Company  
02:01:02 Doug Lair, Western Tradition Partnership  
02:05:04 Lorents Grosfield, self

**EXHIBIT(nas16a08)**

02:16:26 Austin Knudsen, self  
02:18:15 Bob Gilbert, self  
02:20:01 Willie Duffield, lobbyist, Montana Association of Oil, Gas & Coal Counties (MAOGCC)

**Informational Testimony:**

02:22:20 Tom Richmond, Administrator, Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:28:22 Sen. Kaufmann  
02:28:47 Dave Galt, MPA  
02:29:57 Sen. Kaufmann  
02:30:24 Paul Hawks  
02:32:12 Sen. Larsen  
02:32:40 Bruce Williams  
02:35:33 Sen. Steinbeisser  
02:36:22 Kerry Fee, PCEC  
02:37:13 Becca Fischer, staffer, Northern Plains Resource Council  
02:37:56 Sen. Brenden  
02:38:18 Tom Richmond, DNRC  
02:43:14 Sen. Keane  
02:43:36 Tom Richmond  
02:45:32 Sen. Barrett  
02:45:42 Tom Richmond

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:47:15 Sen. Hawks

**ADJOURNMENT**

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02:53:31

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Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nas16aad.pdf](#))